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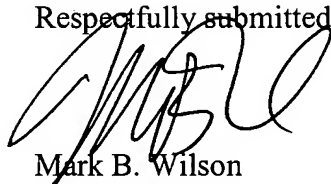
Claims 7-11, 18-20, 24, 32, 34, 38, 41-45, 47-48, 53-55, 57-58, 60, 62, 65-90, 92-187, 194-198, and 202-204 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 49 has been amended. Therefore, claims 1-6, 12-17, 21-23, 25-31, 33, 35-37, 39-40, 46, 49-52, 56, 59, 61, 63-64, 91, 188-193, and 199-201 are pending. Applicant reserves the right to resubmit the canceled claims in this or any related application.

The filing fee has been calculated after amendment of the claims by the preliminary amendment. No new matter is added by entry of this preliminary amendment.

It is believed that no fee is due with this communication, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ARCD:390US.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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